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Direct any inquiries to:		
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1/5/04

Submit written objections to this notice to issue a sole source contract within seven (7) calendar days from the date this notice was posted to:

Chief Procurement Officer
Office/Agency _____
Address _____

STATE OF HAWAII REQUEST FOR SOLE SOURCE

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TO: Chief Procurement Officer

STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICE
STATE OF HAWAIIFROM: DLNR/ Division of Forestry & Wildlife
(Department/Division/Agency)

Pursuant to §103D-306, HRS, and Subchapter 9, Chapter 3-122, HAR, the Department requests sole source approval to purchase the following:

Description of goods, services, or construction:

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Name of Vendor: Pono Pacific Land Management, LLC	Cost: \$115,000.00
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Term of Contract:	From: 1/15/04	To: 1/15/05	Prior Sole Source Reference No.: 03-40-J
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The goods, services, or construction has the following unique features, characteristics, or capabilities: Because this program deals with youth, it is important to hire highly sensitive and skilled professionals who know how to work with young people in field conditions. Pono Pacific is uniquely qualified to operate the YCC program and received a sole source approval in FY03. The primary coordinator for Pono Pacific was himself a former YCC participant and DLNR intern. He and his staff are able to develop a valuable rapport with the students. In addition, they have spent several years developing the necessary relationships with partnering landowners and schools. Pono Pacific has very successfully administered the YCC program since 2001 at a low cost and with a high level of dedication, personal experience and efficiency. Pono Pacific is committed to providing a quality program that benefits Hawaii's youth and native resources. Over the past several years YCC has expanded to offer more of Hawaii's youth the opportunity to participate due in large part to the efforts of Pono Pacific. The program has grown from only one island in 2000 (Oahu) to four islands last year (Kauai, Hawaii, Molokai & Oahu). The program will be adding a fifth island this year (Maui) as well as a new year-round Americorps conservation internship program.

REQUEST FOR SOLE SOURCE (Cont.)

How the unique features, characteristics, or capabilities are essential for the agency to accomplish its work: DLNR/DOFAW does not have the resources among its staff to administer the YCC program nor can the agency provide the quality youth services that Pono Pacific provides. Pono Pacific offers the unique combined capabilities of youth management, conservation education, and solid practical field experience.

The following other possible sources for the goods, services, or construction were investigated but do not meet our needs because:

The Nature Conservancy, Malama Hawaii and The University of Hawaii (RCUH) were considered as possible options but because of staffing shortages in these organizations were unable to consider direct administration of such a large-scale program. In addition, we are very pleased with the work that has been provided in the past by Pono Pacific. The staff of Pono Pacific offer 6 years of experience running youth programs for conservation, provide a good value and are highly efficient.

Direct questions to: Jolie Wanger

Phone: (808) 587-4188

I certify that the information provided above is to the best of my knowledge, true, correct and that the goods, services, or construction are available through only one source.



Department Head or Designee

11/02/10 *JS*
Date

DOFAW Administrator

Title (If other than Department Head)

Chief Procurement Officer's comments:

Please ensure adherence to applicable administrative and statutory requirements.

Expenditure may be processed through a purchase order: Yes ☐ No ☐. If no, a contract must be executed and funds certified.

☐ APPROVED

☐ DISAPPROVED

Chief Procurement Officer

Date